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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Moscarello, M. et al

INVENTION : **Method for Diagnosing  
Multiple Sclerosis and an  
Assay Therefor**

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/992,174

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EXAMINER : Counts, Gary W.

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To: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002  
having a shortened statutory period for response set to  
expire September 13, 2002, kindly amend the above-entitled  
application as follows, no new matter is added:

In The Claims:

✓  
Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please insert new claims 22-26.

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Claim 22 (NEW). A method for diagnosing or  
monitoring multiple sclerosis (MS) in a mammal comprising: